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sentences were clear but his pages were obscure. The separate parts of his character are simple enough but the aggregate remains difficult to understand. The volume is very well worth reading and re-reading.

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Rural Organization. By WALTER BURR. New York: Macmillan, 1921. Pp. xi+250. \$2.25.

The thirteen chapters of this book are grouped into three parts: Part I, "General Principles, Organizations, and Institutions"; Part II, "Community Economic Functions"; Part III, "Community Social Functions." In the first part an effort is made to define organization, community, and its functions, to describe typical national organizations, and to indicate the proper relations institutions should sustain to one another. The second discusses organized community activities in relation to farm-production, marketing, securing supplies, finance and communication, and transportation. Part III deals in a similar manner with education, sanitation and health, recreation, beautification, and home-making. Religion, which rightfully belongs with the last group, through some curious fancy of the author, is put under national organizations.

The activities considered are rather meagerly and superficially treated throughout; in fact, so much so that the book falls far short of what one expects. The discussion of such topics as the farm bureau and local credit associations, for example, omits so many vital facts that no adequate idea is conveyed. Illustrative instances are drawn too often from Kansas, the author's state, to be either interesting or altogether typical.

The book is carefully outlined and well-written. Here and there it utters words of wisdom. It is readable, but contributes scarcely anything new to our knowledge of the subject.

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Our Revolution. Essays in Interpretation. By VICTOR S. YARROS. Boston: Badger. Pp. 251. \$2.50.

The author presents in this collection of thoughtful essays the views of "an independent radical." The essays have previously appeared in various publications at different times. They are not closely